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The Gospel According to Trump

New campaigns are starting again, and President Trump is preparing for re-election against a veritable slew of Democratic hopefuls. (Flip later in this issue to see a full rundown of all those running, written by yours truly.) This made me reflect a lot on the muck and mire leading up to November 2016. Reportedly, 81 percent of white evangelical voters voted for Trump in the 2016 election. It's been said many times that evangelicals are the reason Trump is in office.

I've heard a lot of arguments about how Trump has the opportunity to put in place conservative Supreme Court justices; I've heard arguments about pro-life policies, family values, religious freedom. I've heard "lesser of two evils" arguments over and over. Totally, those affected our decision-making, and I'm sympathetic to those reasons. I understand that a lot of people felt conflicted in casting their vote. Something we have to consider, though, is how Trump's rhetoric propelled him to the Oval Office, and what that rhetoric means for us as Christians.

Rhetoric, or the way someone speaks, inherently reveals how one thinks. ("For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks," Matthew 12:34). This column will discuss his rhetoric and how it conflicts in several key ways with the gospel of Christ crucified. His rhetoric is important – we cannot throw it out because we "like his policies;" we have to reckon with how the world views America, and therefore Christianity, through the lens of Trump's *yuge* voice.

Trump uses a lot of racialized rhetoric. He labeled Mexicans as criminals and rapists as a block condemnation; he called a group of destitute South American migrants fleeing violence an "invasion." The threat is always minorities: who are Trump's two main targets for the United States' debt and economy? Mexico and China. Immigrants are "stealing our jobs." China is destroying our economy. Author Robin DiAngelo says, "The call to Make America Great Again" worked powerfully in the service of the racial manipulation of white people, diverting blame away from the white elite and towards people of color – for example, undocumented immigrants and the Chinese." We know that the Christian faith, according to Galatians, is not a faith of racial division or tribalism. It is a faith of unity.



Trump's rhetoric also shifts the blame away from corporations and the wealthy. Millionaires own half the global wealth. The corporations certainly want you, the average person, to blame the poor instead. They've done it historically – consolidating poor white voters with the rich white elite against minorities, and voting policies against social welfare that they actually need. (For more on this, check out the piece "I Know Why the Poor Whites Chant Trump, Trump, Trump" by Jonna Ivin.)

Throughout scripture, we are called to associate with the lowly, to sell our wealth, to live without excess. The poor we will always have among us, scripture says – and we are called to help them, to bring them alongside, not build walls to keep them out of our country. Being "pro-life" includes the massacre of the unborn, but it also includes opposing policies that put migrant children in cages at the border, helping those in need and radical hospitality.

Trump also used the rhetoric of fear to scare evangelicals. He said in an interview, "Look at Syria. If you're Christian, they're chopping off heads. You look at the different places. Christianity is under siege." The overall feeling that Christians will lose their freedom to practice religion is what motivated a lot of evangelical voters. Surely nobody wants to be persecuted. But Jesus did not say, "Elect governors who support everything you stand against, as long as they will keep you from all harm." He said, "ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake" (Matthew 24:9). Trump says, "without a Christian state, we'll all die and be persecuted." Jesus said following Him would put us on the outskirts of society, would be like carrying a cross.

Why does all of this matter? God has always identified with the marginalized, not the powerful. The nation knows that evangelicals are the major voting block who put him into power. I've talked with my non-Christian friends, who overwhelmingly tell me that in their minds, Christianity = Trump; therefore Christianity = ignorance, hypocrisy, secret moral corruption, racism, sexism and more. It's a Faustian bargain that evangelicals made; some feelings of security, some Supreme Court justices, for a huge blow to our reputation and a stumbling block to the gospel.

I'll be honest: I believe that a billionaire with a paper-thin veneer of religious zeal is the Oval Office, and he is methodically concentrating power in the hands of the white and the wealthy. I also believe that we (white evangelicals) helped put him there, and that's something we should consider with solemnity.



Senior
Spiritual Reflection

Callahan Jones
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As a senior, looking back on my time here at Cedarville, there is easily one spiritual thing I've most gained: a reliance on God.

When I was a high school senior, I basically dreaded coming to Cedarville. Sure, I was excited from some aspects. I'd

finally get to spend a lot of time studying music (something I quickly became disillusioned with, as such I have been a Journalism major for the last three years). I had met a few cool incoming students online thanks to the Facebook group that admissions had set up (this group of friends just so happened to include the girl that has now been my girlfriend for over three years. Love you, Jen).

However, I wasn't excited about other things. I could list them all, but they basically boil down to one problem: I was terrified of not being in control.

Throughout my life, I often have felt the need to be in control of situations. Almost all situations, actually. It has been, historically, a great cause of stress and anxiety for me.

However, as I've navigated my time at Cedarville, I've learned that I have to let go and let Jesus take the wheel, to use an incredibly cliché phrase. The struggles of school have done wonders to make me rely more on him, whether it be because of the stress of school, challenges of balancing work and a social life, and many more things besides. Without him, I am absolutely nothing and would be able to do absolutely nothing worthy of anything. And that's that.

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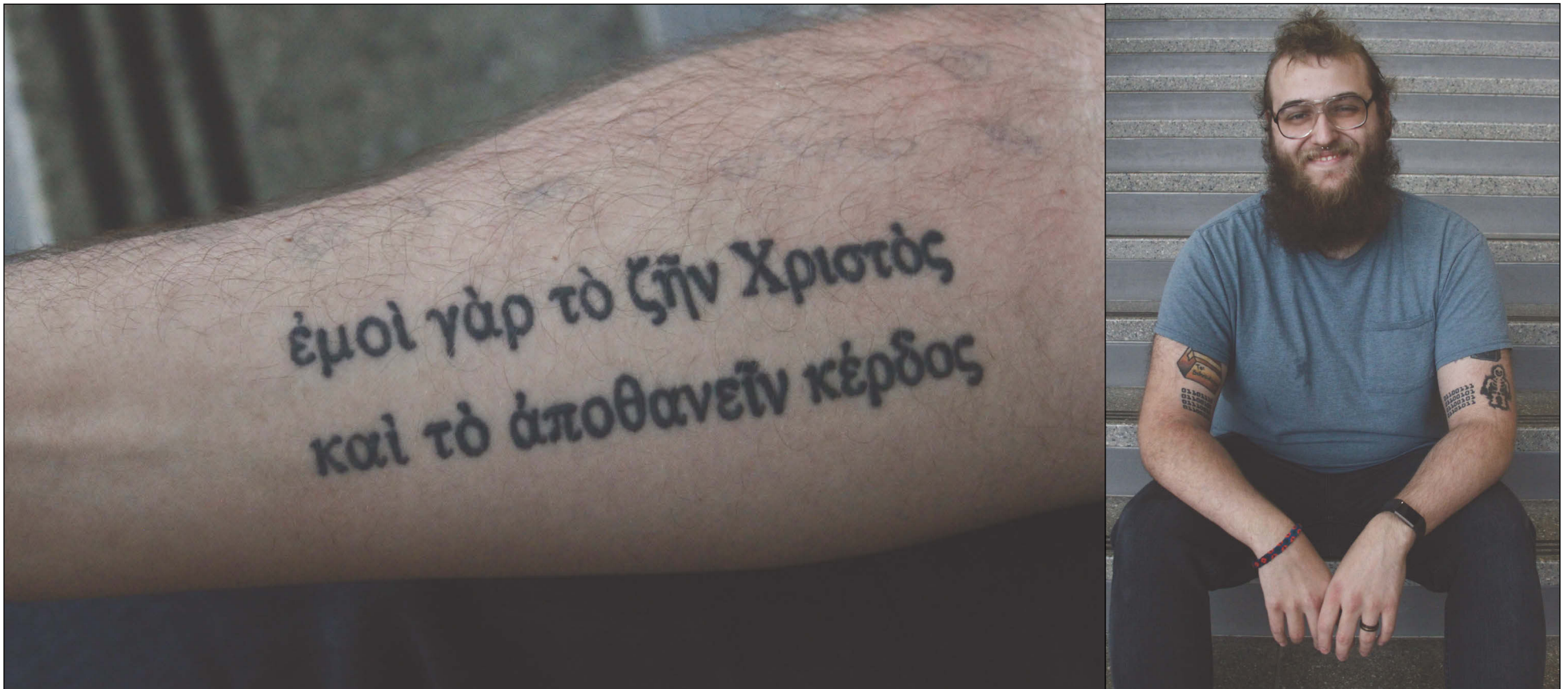
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Watch Cedarville's performance of "The Spitfire Grill" by James Valcq and Fred Alley, based on the film by Lee David Zlotoff.

Changing Perceptions on Tattoos

Students and faculty discuss how tattoos relate to a professional appearance



Photos by Kelsey Feuerhak

James Osborne is a senior computer science major with a tattoo in Greek that translates to “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain” from Philippians 1:21.

by Zach Krauss

Do tattoos make it harder to get a job? With summer less than two months away, students are searching job boards and career portals to find summer or permanent employment.

For interviews, students are advised to dress correctly, submit a polished resume and give a firm handshake. Students try to present themselves as the best candidates for the job they want. Do tattoos play a role in this presentation or affect an employer’s hiring decision?

Jeff Reep, director of Career Services at Cedarville, has been helping students hunt for jobs for over 20 years. His opinion is that the only tattoos to avoid are those on the hands and face.

“The whole outlook on tattoos has changed dramatically in recent times,” Reep said. “There are certain professions that might be a little bit more conservative than others, but the landscape is different now.”

Reep said some fields like education, accounting, engineering, government and information technology might not have changed as much and could still hold more conservative views about tattoos. However, most fields in the liberal arts such as marketing, music or graphic design might have changed to be less strict.

Reep suggested students research the kinds of employers they want to work for and their policies for employees to get an idea of how their career field views tattoos.

He also recommended that students

consider where they plan to live. He said that employers in California or New York might be more tolerant of tattoos, while employers in rural areas may be more conservative. While these tips might be very important to some, others claim to have had little issue with having and even showing their tattoos in the workplace.

Jess Westenberg, junior social work major, said future positions from employers weren’t on her mind when she got her first tattoo.

“My thought process was that this was something I really wanted,” Westenberg said, “so I was going to do it.”

Westenberg is interning through the social work department at Cedarville and has found that her workplace doesn’t mind

her tattoos. The social work department requires students to cover up tattoos initially, but Westenberg said that her site does not prevent her from showing her tattoos. She doesn’t believe her tattoos prevent her from confidently and professionally presenting herself in an interview process.

“I think in an interview I would cover up my tattoos initially and then bring up the employer’s policy on tattoos later in order to figure things out,” Westenberg said. “Whatever their answer was, I would want to be able to have an open discussion about their policy and let them know that no matter what I’m going to respect what those policies are.”

Tasha Peterson, senior visual communication design major, doesn’t believe that



Photos by Kelsey Feuerhak

Jess Westernberg is a junior social work major, and one of her tattoos reads “It is well.”

her tattoos will affect her future career either. She plans to live and work in California and thinks that tattoos, piercings and similar artistic and creative liberties are no longer a problem. Peterson said for most positions today, tattoos, especially those that are easy to cover up, won’t be an issue in the hiring process.

“I’d say go for it but consider how it might affect you,” Peterson said. “If you feel that it might affect your future, then maybe just consider placement and get it in a place where it won’t matter or won’t be seen often.”

Professor Aaron Gosser, associate professor of art, got his first tattoo with his wife to celebrate being married for 18 years. He said the way mainstream tattoos are viewed has changed tremendously recently. His only recommendation for getting tattoos is an understanding of purpose for the tattoo.

“Understand who you are right now (a very junior version of your final self), and where you are right now (with so many things still undecided),” Gosser said in an email interview. “I can honestly say I’m a different person now than I was 20 years ago; understand how long life is and how little of it you’ve experienced to date.”

James Osborne, senior computer science major, said that when he got his first

tattoo, he was aware that a tattoo may affect his ability to get a job. He placed his tattoo on his arm so it would be easy to cover for an interview.

“No one has ever asked me [about them] because I’ve always kept them covered,” Osborne said. “Once the interview is over, if we’re in a candid situation that I know won’t affect things, I might bring it up in normal

conversation and then make a decision to let them know about my tattoos, but that’s specific to the situation.”

Osborne said his only advice would be to avoid places like the hands, face and neck, places that would be hard to cover up. He also said that he sees tattoos as an art form.

“I think that tattoos should be given the same kind of respect and understanding

that we would give any art,” Osborne said. “There is some responsibility on the person getting the tattoo to understand what they are and what they mean, but all of it is art in a way.”

Assistant professor of psychology Betsy Linnell, said tattoos can have great meaning. Linnell got her first tattoo in 2016. It’s a combination of puppy paws, two butterflies and an infinity loop. The tattoo functions as a reminder that God makes her new every day, something that was also shown to her through her late therapy dog, Avie.

“I did consider employment,” Linnell said. “I was working with children and wanted it in a place that was not overly noticeable. It became a witnessing tool for me to share about Christ.”

She suggests tracing the design or wearing a temporary version in order to make sure the tattoo is the one you want.

“Consider long and hard. Really think through whether it is something you want to be explaining to people, and whether it is God-honoring,” Linnell said. “While things may be permissible, are they beneficial?”

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Photos by Kelsey Feuerhak

Parker Musick is a sophomore graphic design major with a tattoo of the state bird of Florida, his home state.

Dr. Dixon Celebrates 80th Birthday

Remembering 60 years of leadership

by Benjamin Smid

Most people don't frequently receive phone calls in the middle of the night. However, if you were president of a college and you gave out your number to the whole student body, with an offer for them to call you anytime they needed, you might.

This is what Cedarville's former president, Dr. Paul Dixon, did during his presidency, which began 1979 and lasted 25 years.

Dixon celebrated his 80th birthday on Jan. 28, and he's still investing in the two things that he says really matter: God and people.

Dixon's walk with the Lord began in his senior year of high school. During an unplanned visit to church, he heard the gospel for the first time and received Christ — and the mission and direction for his life that he had been seeking.

In 1957, Dixon enrolled as a Bible major at Tennessee Temple University. He began preaching during his freshman year, when he was only 17 years old, taking any opportunities that came his way. Initially, he started visiting the local jail. During his second year, he was asked to join a group of men to travel the country speaking at conferences, churches and camps. Dixon said they would sometimes speak at their last location on a Sunday evening and drive all night to make an 8 o'clock class. By the time he had completed seminary, he had preached at over 100 churches.

In 1960, while still at Tennessee Temple, Dixon married his wife, Pat. After graduating from college, the Dixons had their first and only child, Scott.

After completing his graduate degree at Tennessee Baptist Theological Seminary, Dixon set out as a full-time evangelist, traveling and speaking in local churches.

In 1971, Mrs. Dixon took on a teaching position at Cedarville College in Ohio in the language and literature department. Then,



Photo by Scott Huck

Former president of Cedarville College, Dr. Paul Dixon (left), stands next to current Cedarville University President, Dr. Thomas White.

in 1978, after continuing on as an evangelist, Dixon became president of Cedarville College. At first, he was opposed to the idea. He hadn't led anything other than his family up until that point. Dixon had also always been wholeheartedly committed to his ministry as an evangelist, and he knew that leading a college would change his life completely.

Nevertheless, Dixon took the job, and was president of Cedarville College for 25 years leaving a lasting impact on the university.

His priorities as president were evident by the way he interacted with Cedarville students.

"There are two ways you can treat a college student," he said, "One: like it's your last chance with a child, or two: like it's your first chance with an adult. I chose the latter."

He wanted to be involved with students' lives and needs.

Over the years, those needs spanned far

and wide, from freshmen locking their keys out of their car at the Dayton Mall, to students whose parent had passed away during the night.

Though Dixon oversaw \$100 million worth of buildings and improvements to the campus over his 25 years, and brought the institution to university status, a big part of his legacy was left in the lives of all the people he touched. Whether it be listening to a student's struggles, visiting the spouse of a professor in the hospital, or praying with people in their homes, Dixon always made sure that he was investing in what had eternal value.

Dixon said that his life has been significantly influenced by three people.

The first was Dr. Lee Robertson, the president of Tennessee Temple College when Dixon attended there. Robertson's strong leadership left a lasting impression upon Dixon.

The second was Warren Wiersbe. His faithful teaching and his commitment to the

Word of God impacted Dixon through his sermons and books.

The third was evangelist Fred Brown, who gave his life to his work.

"There was a level of reality and humility to him," Dixon said.

Dixon himself has a passion for evangelism, said university president Dr. Thomas White. Dixon recently witnessed to someone living in his neighborhood, and is starting a ministry to reach unsaved men, according to White.

Dixon says that Christians need to exhibit excellence in serving God and others.

"It's neat to build buildings, programs, see money raised," he said, "But that's really not the most important thing — it's what you are doing to please God. That's it."

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For the Good of the Earth

Pro Terra Forma students work together to care for their corner of creation



Photo by Lauren Jacobs

Rebekah Bayle, a member of Pro Terra Forma, enjoys two cute plants at the annual aloe sale.

by Madeleine Mosher

Pro Terra Forma is a Latin phrase that means “for the good of the Earth.” Cedarville’s student organization of the same name exists for that very reason: To care for the Earth.

Its organization profile on Cedarville’s website says its goal is to promote biblical stewardship of the Earth at Cedarville, which Emily Lykkegaard, organization vice president and senior environmental science major, said is part of Christianity.

Though she grew up in church, she had never heard of the concept of Christians caring for the Earth until she was at Cedarville. For Christians, Lykkegaard said, preserving the Earth is more than just trying to survive. It’s how we respect God’s creation.

Lykkegaard joined Pro Terra Forma during her junior year after a graduating environmental science student asked her to take an officer position. Lykkegaard liked the idea of making an impact on the world and collaborating with other people who

wanted to as well.

Some of Pro Terra Forma’s activities center around making this impact. Last spring, they went on a cleanup hike from campus through Indian Mound Reserve in Cedarville and filled up three or four trash bags with litter. They are planning another for this year.

Additionally, they’ve been campaigning to get recycling bins in the dorms on campus but have been unsuccessful in getting approval and funding for the project.

They also plan to work with the Tecumseh Land Trust in invasive species removal. The Trust protects agricultural, historical and natural land, as well as water resources, within Greene, Clark, Champaign, Clinton and Madison counties. The sunflower fields in Yellow Springs are a part of the trust.

Other organization activities focus on trips and observation. Last year, they went to the Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Columbus, which comprises 13 acres of gardens, biomes, art and seasonal and horticultural exhibits. It was

Lykkegaard’s favorite event.

This year, they are planning trips to Newport Aquarium in Kentucky and Cedar Bog Nature Preserve in Urbana.

Routinely scheduled org meetings that don’t involve hikes or trips are monthly this year because Lykkegaard and president Sam Charpentier want to keep people involved.

Members who attend meetings are rewarded with snacks and drinks for their attendance, and then the meeting is spent recapping and planning events. Then, anyone who needs to leave can, and the rest play board games provided by Charpentier.

Josh Blackburn is a junior electrical engineering major who keeps so many cacti, succulents and air plants in his room that he frustrates his roommate. When he joined the org during his freshman year for his love of plants, it was made up almost entirely of environmental science majors. Now members are studying electrical engineering, biology, business and theater as well an environmental science.

He said he enjoys collaborating with different kinds of people to work on organization projects, like setting up recycling in

the dorms.

Blackburn said he enjoys having Lykkegaard and Charpentier as officers because it’s clear they really love what they’re doing, and they’re passionate about caring for the earth.

Though she’s graduating, Lykkegaard hopes to get more students involved in the org, whether they’re environmental science majors or not. She wants to recruit younger environmental science majors to step in as officers or participants when she and Charpentier graduate. But she also wants to engage campus by hosting events like movie nights or outdoor activities and then talking to the students who attend about their responsibility to care for the environment.

“We might not be able to affect something on a global scale,” she said, “but we can do something to improve where we’re at.”

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Photo by Lauren Jacobs

Rebekah Bayle, Emily Lykkegaard, and Josh Blackburn can’t help but smile when there’s plants involved.

Model U.N. Team Competes, Learns, Wins Awards

Cedarville student delegates set to head to New York for annual national competition

by Bryson Durst

Diplomats from around the world debate and argue issues, draft resolutions and make compromises. These are all scenes from the United Nations, the world's premier diplomatic forum.

Cedarville's own model U.N. team will travel to New York in April to participate in the National Model United Nations (NMUN) competition.

Alexandria Hentschel is a team captain who has participated in Model U.N. since high school.

"I've loved being with Cedarville's team because of how we interact with each other," she said. "I love that we want to win, but we want to compete with excellence."

Diplomacy at the United Nations requires a variety of skills including speaking, writing and negotiating. These skills that are also useful outside of the corridors of power. Cedarville's Model U.N. team, led by international studies professor Dr. Glen Duerr, seeks to train students in these skills in order to prepare them for their God-given calling.

Cedarville's Model U.N. consists of 16 students selected by Duerr. In order to ensure that the team has experience in a variety of areas, team members come from many different majors. This year the team includes students studying international studies, political science, English, Spanish, global business, computer science and molecular biology.

The team participates in three competitions every year.

The first is a one-day practice tournament in which each student participates as a different country in a mock U.N. General Assembly, the annual meeting of all the countries in the United Nations. Every year the students debate a different topic that they have researched.

The second competition, Dayton Model U.N. Competition (DAYMUNC), lasts for two days. Once again, each stu-



Photo courtesy of Dr. Glen Duerr

Cedarville's Model U.N. team, shown at last year's national competition in New York, seeks excellence as they compete at the national level.

dent represents a different country. Instead of the General Assembly, however, each student participates in one of four committees. Two of these simulate the U.N. Security Council (the most powerful body at the U.N.). The other two generally consist of one widely known committee and one of which the general public is less aware. This past year, they were UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) and CCPCJ (Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice), respectively.

NMUN is the biggest event, however, drawing more than 3,000 students. At this competition each team represents one country. Cedarville, being a smaller team, generally represents smaller nations; this year, they will be representing the Central Asian nation of Kazakhstan. Students are divided among eight different committees, where they emulate different U.N. functions.

In addition to competing with students from around the world, students at NMUN get to enjoy some unique experiences. The competition's closing ceremony takes place in the building where the actual U.N. General Assembly is held every year. In addition, students have a few days to explore New York City.

As with any competitive event, practice is important. According to Duerr, the team holds one rehearsal every week during the spring semester. At each rehearsal, the teams focus on a different area of competition. These areas include giving a speech, summarizing a position on a topic, discussing an issue in a committee and drafting a resolution. Some students even have the opportunity to deliver their resolutions in the U.N. General Assembly chamber at NMUN.

Judging by the team's record, the practice has paid off.

For awards, judges consider what Duerr described as "a range of criteria from public speaking to attentiveness to timeliness to the content of their material to their writing and editing."

He pointed out that, at DAYMUNC this year, team members won five of the top eight awards. Three of these were "outstanding delegation" awards, which means that the team member was the best performing member of his or her committee. Meanwhile, at NMUN, Cedarville has won the outstanding delegation award three of the past four years. Nevertheless, Duerr's primary concern is that Cedarville's team members "put their best effort forward," awards or not.

Duerr seeks to ensure that the team members are reaching a thorough understanding of the real United Nations. He also wants them to look at its operations from a biblical viewpoint. In addition, he believes that it's a great opportunity for students planning to have careers in diplomacy, law, politics or business.

For instance, Duerr mentioned that he has heard from students who have discussed it "in a law school or graduate school interview," and that it could also be beneficial on job applications or resumes. Finally, students considering a career in the State Department could benefit as well.

Hentschel plans on going to law school after her time at Cedarville, and expects to benefit from her experience on the Model U.N. team. However, she said Model U.N. can be a valuable for anyone.

"All the energy and time I spent researching policies in the real world, and working with people from all over the world to meet common goals, is useful in any profession," Hentschel said. "It makes you cosmopolitan and a global citizen."

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A Tale of Two Presidents

The escalating crisis in Venezuela

by Breanna Beers

Venezuela's government and economy have been burning slowly for the past decade. Now the embers have exploded into a full blaze. With refugees fleeing by the thousands, a famished population rioting in the streets, and two presidents each recognized by different international powers, the road to recovery looks long and steep.

How it all started: Nicolás Maduro won the Venezuelan presidency in 2013 as the natural successor to long-time leader Hugo Chávez, a charismatic anti-establishment leader who consolidated tremendous power around the presidency and radically shifted Venezuela's political trajectory.

Chávez was outspoken in his support of the indigenous people, and his populist message resonated with the struggling lower classes in Venezuelan society. He delivered on his promises and provided significant relief to massive swaths of the population, subsidizing oil down to 14 cents a gallon. However, the welfare state was poorly managed, dependent on corruption, and funded by oil. Thus, when oil prices collapsed in 2014, so did the Venezuelan economy.

Maduro's 2013 election was hotly contested. Though he shared Chávez's vision, he didn't share his natural charisma or Catholic background. When oil prices plummeted only one year into his administration, he ran out of cash to pay for both subsidies for his support and bribes for his protection. Panicked, he printed more money, which spiked inflation. Unrest grew, leading Maduro to lean increasingly on purchased power he couldn't actually pay for.

So far in 2019, the Venezuelan inflation rate has hit 2.69 million percent. According to a 2016 study, 64 percent of Venezuelans reported losing weight (25.1 pounds on average) due to being unable to buy food, which is now both expensive and scarce. NPR reported that lack of medicine resulted in over 6,500 instances of measles and more than half a million cases of malaria in 2018 — both

fatal diseases formerly eradicated in Venezuela. Violence, riots and protests are commonplace. Gang rule and black markets abound. Over three million refugees have already fled the country, over one million of which currently live in neighboring Colombia.

This January Maduro faced a challenge to his leadership when Juan Guaidó was elected leader of the National Assembly. Guaidó immediately declared Maduro's controversial 2018 re-election a fraud and swore himself in as president, invoking an constitutional article that names the National Assembly leader de facto president in the absence of a legitimately elected president.

Following Guaidó's action, other nations rushed to declare their support for one president or another. The U.S., several European countries, and most of Latin America recognize Guaidó. Russia, China and the left-wing Latin American countries known as the Pink Tide maintain the legitimacy of Maduro — some suggest with a little incentive from Venezuela's gold reserves, still under Maduro's control.

Guaidó's action finally brought years of conflict and crisis to a political head. Duerr described the situation as "a slow train wreck" — the world has seen it coming for years now.

"It is coming to a very nasty collision," said Dr. Glen Duerr, international studies professor at Cedarville. "Either Maduro is going to become a dictator and you're going to see violence grow heavily in the short term, or he'll flee, and Guaidó will have to try and pick up the pieces somehow."

Currently, Maduro is struggling to maintain his hold on some semblance of power. The New York Times described the paradox of Maduro's government as "too authoritarian to coexist with democratic institutions, but too weak to abolish them without risking collapse." Faced with opposition both domestically and internationally, he will likely require support from Russia or China to stay in power as dictator.

However, even if Guaidó can successfully take control, still more demanding challenges

lie ahead. Experts estimate that up to 90% of Venezuelans now live below the poverty line. If Maduro loots the government's reserves and flees the country, the new administration may be as bankrupt as its citizens.

Even so, Guaidó will have to find some way to supply food and medicine, deal with violence and chaos, fix the hyperinflation, organize a new election, and re-establish trust in democracy. The new government will have to reshape an entire political and economic system, adjusting the expectations of both citizens and officials used to handouts.

The situation is further complicated by the involvement of international powers both financially and politically invested in the outcome of this conflict. International studies professor Dr. Christine Kim expressed concern that foreign involvement at this crucial stage may do more harm than good.

"It should be the people who decide the country's future direction," Kim said. "The

people of Venezuela should choose their own leaders through its own constitutional law and according to their own volition. Otherwise, Venezuela may end up being another field of proxy war in the 21st century."

The ideological and economic reasons international powers typically get involved in crises like this one rarely consider the ultimate good of the people involved. Venezuela is being forced to navigate treacherous waters both domestically and internationally. If mismanaged, some fear it could break into outright civil war. Whatever happens next, Venezuela has a long road ahead before recovering the trust of the people and the security of the nation.

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Who's Running in 2020?

A list of White House hopefuls (so far)

President Donald J. Trump

Announced: July 18, 2018

- Seeking reelection in 2020
- Key policy concerns: immigration reform, re-forming America's foreign policy, withdrawing American troops



William F. Weld

Announced: February 15, 2019

- Former governor of Massachusetts
- Hoping to see the Republican Party become more moderate
- Key policy concerns: libertarianism, free trade, immigration reform



Corey Booker

Announced: February 1, 2019

- Senator for New Jersey, former mayor of Newark
- Large fundraising base, rallying Obama-era support for change
- Key policy concerns: criminal justice reform, healthcare reform, climate change



Peter Buttigieg

Exploratory committee formed: January 23, 2019

- Mayor of South Bend, Indiana, and military veteran
- Younger candidate at age 37
- Key policy concerns: climate change, social justice, increasing economic opportunities



by Alexandria Hentschel

With the upcoming election cycle, so many people are announcing candidacies that it's hard to keep track. Here's a full list of those who have announced their candidacies or formed exploratory committees as of this publication, along with a few key facts about them. They are organized by party, and within their party, alphabetically.

Keep checking back, as more candidates are likely to be announced before the campaign begins.

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Julián Castro

Announced: January 12, 2019

- Former Housing Secretary under President Obama, former mayor of San Antonio
- Key policy concerns: education reform such as preschool for all, supporter of Medicare for all, and immigration reform



John Delaney

Announced: July 28, 2018

- Former congressman from Maryland
- Has been campaigning for almost two years, even before official announcement
- Key policy issues: bipartisan unity, universal healthcare, climate change



Tulsi Gabbard

Announced: January 11, 2019

- Congresswoman from Hawaii, Army veteran
- Former supporter of Bernie Sanders
- Key policy issues: anti-American intervention overseas, campaign finance reform, job creation, civil liberties



Kirsten Gillibrand

Exploratory committee formed: early 2019

- Senator from New York, former Representative
- Former voting record as a Representative was conservative; now has become an outspoken voice against Trump in the Senate
- Key policy issues: women's rights, equality and opportunity; Medicare for All, criminal justice reform, climate change



Amy Klobuchar

Announced: February 10, 2019

- Senator from Minnesota
- Passed more legislation than any other senator by the end of the 114th Congress
- Focus on reclaiming swing states
- Key policy issues: the opioid epidemic, lowering the cost of prescription drugs, women's rights



Kamala Harris

Announced: January 21, 2019

- Senator from California; former attorney general of California
- Large support and funding base, rising star of the Democratic Party
- Key policy issues: civil rights and liberties, immigration reform, tax reform



Bernie Sanders

Announced: February 19, 2019

- Senator from Vermont
- Gained widespread support during 2016 campaign, broadened support for democratic socialism
- Key policy issues: Medicare for all, free college tuition, lowering the influence of the 1% on society and policymaking



John Hickenlooper

Announced: March 4, 2019

- Former governor of Colorado; former mayor of Denver
- Fairly moderate, has cut deals with Republican businessmen
- Key policy issues: Medicaid expansion; finding bilateral solutions on gay rights and gun control



Elizabeth Warren

Announced: February 9, 2019

- Senator from Massachusetts
- Identifies as a "democratic capitalist"
- Has been preparing for a run for a long time
- Key policy issues: income inequality, ending political corruption, strengthening the middle class



Jay Inslee

Announced: March 1, 2019

- Governor of Washington; former congressman
- Strong on green energy, job creation in sustainable energy markets, has passed many green policies while in office
- Key policy issues: strong on climate change as center of his platform



Marianne Williamson

Announced: January 28, 2019

- Self-help and spirituality author and lecturer
- Ran as an independent in 2014 (lost)
- Key policy issues: reparations for slavery, a "moral and spiritual reawakening" in America



Andrew Yang

Announced: November 2017

- Former tech executive, founder of economic development nonprofit
- Key policy issues: a universal basic income for all of \$1,000/month for all Americans, artificial intelligence, the future of technology



Beto O'Rourke

Announced: March 14, 2019

- Former Texas congressman
- Has delivered a message of national unity and red-state liberalism via constant social media livestreaming to voters inside and outside Texas.
- Key policy issues: Has focused on immigration reform, marijuana legalization and rural hospi-



God, Life and Art

Professor Benson refocuses his students and revitalizes the 3D department



Photo courtesy of Zac Benson

Zac Benson joined Cedarville in 2017.



Photo courtesy of Savannah Hart

Savannah Hart appreciates the healing power of art.



Photo courtesy of Savannah Hart

Savannah Hart's sculpture, "Lessons in Sacred Minutia."

by Katie Milligan

Zac Benson, assistant professor of studio art, has brought new energy to Cedarville's sculpture and ceramics scene. He instills in his students the value of engaging culture with their art.

"There are many bold artists who are influencing culture through their artwork," Benson said. "I think [Christians] can too, here at Cedarville. We can talk about the new abortion laws, we can talk about the border of U.S. We need to have a voice in culture."

Benson's personal, internationally renowned artwork deals with contemporary social issues like the refugee crisis and the LGBTQ community. He joined CU in the fall of 2017, after earning his Master's of Fine Arts in studio art from the University of Maryland. He's been producing artwork since 2008.

Benson believes that art should be especially relevant to Christians.

"Just go to Genesis ... the first thing we know about God is that He created," he said.

"God takes art seriously; we should take art seriously."

Benson's goal is to broaden his students' ideas of what sculpture can be, beyond the popular misconception that sculpture is only made of bronze and stone, and bring them to an awareness of materiality.

"The unique thing about sculpture is anything can be sculpture," Benson said. "That can be paint, photography, clay, thread, leaves, it can go from wood to metal to plastic to paper to carpet to dirt to snow."

Moreover, Benson strives to educate his students about how to give their art a voice.

"I really enjoy concept, where you're bringing a meaning into the artwork," Benson said. "Sculpture can speak for itself. How do you make wood say something about the soul? How do you make clay say something about your need for the Lord? That's hard to do."

Most of all, Benson intends to help his students holistically approach their careers,

using his experiences as a Christian, a husband and father, and a professional artist.

"I tell them I'm going to teach them three things in all my classes: God, life and art. God should be your number one priority, and that's going to be the hardest thing you'll ever do. Then I teach them about life," Benson said. "Once you nail those down, then lastly, I'll talk to you about art."

3D classes take place in Alford Auditorium, which is split between a pottery studio complete with wheels and kilns and a sculpture studio with tools and a woodshop.

Savannah Hart, a senior studio art major, said she appreciates that Benson holds his students to high standards. He pushes them to new heights with building functional furniture, using fire to weld and much more.

"[Benson is] really fiery and passionate," she said. "He calls us to be excellent because God calls us to be excellent. He's getting more quality work out of us."

Recently, Hart created a sculpture

titled "Lessons in Sacred Minutia" using assemblage art: collecting reclaimed material and found objects and putting them together to create something new. Taking a piece of driftwood, she attached small man-made items with intricate design, such as a blown-glass perfume bottle and silversmith metalwork, as well as various pieces of nature like a tree pod or a seashell.

"It's a collage of divine craftsmanship and human craftsmanship that's really small," Hart explained. "I'm most prompted to make art out of spiritual confusions, and I'm often baffled that our Maker would create things that are so small with so much complexity. That validates, for me, the seemingly menial tasks that I do daily."

Hart loves the opportunity that art gives her to express herself in myriad ways.

"I love the healing power of art, the unconventionality, and the possibilities are endless. It's full of discovery," she said. "I love looking at my hands and realizing all the things that they have made."



Photo courtesy of Sarah Harris
Sarah Harris uses her art to lead to gospel conversations.

Junior studio art major Sarah Harris has taken several semesters of sculpture classes. She has benefited from Benson's instruction and is excited to see a large influx of students entering the 3D program.

"He brought in a new way of thinking about sculpture, how to talk about modern day issues through the context of culture," Harris said. "He's really big on biblical integration, but it's not forced. He talks about how what we make reflects who we are."

Harris recently designed a sculpture entitled "In Your Record." Working with clay, she fashioned small stone-like pieces and placed them inside a teardrop-shaped sheer fabric hung from the ceiling. She placed a water element inside to drip down on the clay, so that it would break the clay down over time. The piece is based on Psalm 56 and the imagery of God collecting humanity's tears in jars.

"When you dry out clay and then reintroduce water, it will break down again," Harris explained. "I wanted to use that to talk about how, when we go through difficult situations, God uses those situations to change us ... even our tears are precious to Him."

Harris appreciates that art can be used to communicate powerful messages to mixed audiences. Several pieces of her artwork have generated questions in unbeliev-

ers that lead to gospel conversations.

As Benson incorporates fresh insight into the 3D program, he said he enjoys watching his students grow spiritually and in their skills.

"They learn who they are, they learn what they believe," he said. "They start to realize that their creativity is gifted from the Lord."

Students can install their projects in the atrium area of Alford, the library, or any academic building on campus upon receiving permission. But Benson, Harris and Hart agree that adding a gallery space where students could professionally display their artwork would both raise morale and start conversations.

Benson has a vision to continue encouraging his students toward a career where they can have an impact, despite fears about securing a steady paycheck.

"Being an artist is scary," he admitted. "You're not going to get this six-figure job right out of college. But I'm a firm believer that art is a calling from the Lord. If you're going into higher education for art, it's not a hobby anymore. If God has called you to it, it is so fulfilling."

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Photo courtesy of Sarah Harris
Sarah Harris' sculpture, "In Your Record."

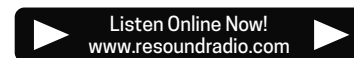
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Hitesh Kewalramani: Journey to Christ

by Lauren McGuire

After years of growing up Hindu, Hitesh Kewalramani rebelled against his religious upbringing and converted to atheism. Upon meeting a Christian student in America, he converted once again to Christianity. Now, he is continuing to grow closer to the Lord and in his faith at Cedarville.

Kewalramani was born in India and attended a Hindu school, living in a family that practiced Hindu traditions. It was after sixth grade that Kewalramani decided that the religion wasn't for him.

"I didn't know where I was," he said. "I was just blindly following them."

He started eating meat as part of a rebellious attitude towards his upbringing. He had few friends and focused on studying and figuring out life.

"I lived in rebellion and at every festival I ate meat, just to rebel against God ... For that reason I had no friends in my life," Kewalramani said. "Even my family was not there with me because I was an atheist."

He reached a point where he wanted to do something else with his life. He went to Germany for a couple of months to gain new experiences.

He also applied to a school in Germany, but schools in the U.S. offered him scholarships and host families which would make his experience cheaper. At first he picked Connecticut, but after he did some exploring in the Midwest and East Coast cities, he landed in Chicago.

"For some reason, Chicago had a big place in my heart," he said. "I just felt it in my heart — this is the place."

He worked at Subway and then at Starbucks at the community college he attended. He then met Ethan Hand in calculus class and their friendship was initially built around studying. One day when they were eating at a Subway on campus, Hand asked Kewalramani some profound questions.



Photo by Kelsey Feuerhak

Hitesh Kewalramani grew up Hindu in India before becoming a Christ follower.

"He asked me a lot about how I viewed the world ... and he had some different perspectives," Kewalramani said.

After a semester, he found himself feeling guilty about the life choices he had made.

"Ethan told me something about a guilt-free life through Jesus Christ," Kewalramani said. "I was like, let's give it a try."

He finally decided to go with Ethan to church one day, and it changed his life.

"I was still comparing [God to] other

gods ... but the fact that I knew God came on Earth and took our sins and died for our sins made me cry," he said.

Hand still remembers that day and how nervous he was for how Kewalramani would react to the service. Hand knew Kewalramani had experienced religious services before and had wanted nothing to do with them.

"After service he looked at me and he said 'that was awesome,'" Hand remembered.

For the first month after that, Kewalra-

mani still wasn't a believer, but he was connected to the church. He served in a ministry, making coffee for church members listening to their stories and testimonies.

"I got to see my whole church play a part in [Hitesh's discipleship, and] it really gave me a renewed sense of what the church is and how it works in the process of evangelism," Hand said. "It's not just a one-on-one relationship between me and Hitesh, but it's my dad, the elders in my church, the members of the hospitality ministry, the people in the youth ministry and the pastor every week ... I got to see the whole church working both inside and out."

After a month, Kewalramani finally gave his life over to Christ on Jan. 25, 2017.

That fall, Hand began attending Cedarville. During his first semester there, he invited Kewalramani to a Beautiful Eulogy concert on campus.

During this time, people were excited to hear about Kewalramani's life, and he realized that Cedarville was the place he was supposed to be. He applied, was accepted and started attending the spring of 2018.

Although Kewalramani has found joy in Jesus, he still has some struggles. He still has to ask a lot of questions about his future, especially because his parents are still a part of the Hindu community.

"There are a few days where I am so nervous about my future, like I don't know where I'm going," he said. "Am I going back to India or am I going to stay here? I have trusted God and trusted Jesus so it's OK if persecution happens to me, but I cannot see my family being persecuted just because of what I do."

But in the midst of the stress of an unknown future, he still trusts the God that brought him to salvation over two years ago.

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Cedarville Men Capture NCCAA Championship

by Tim Smith

At the end of the 2017-18 season, the future of Cedarville Yellow Jackets basketball looked grim. They finished the season 13-14, near the bottom half of the G-MAC. Their leading scorer Patrick Bain, along with several other supporting seniors, were moving on to the next stage of life.

Little did they know, the 2018-19 season would end with a 21-12 record and a NCCAA Division I National Championship. But, it was a long train to get there.

"There were a lot of unknowns coming into this season," said head coach Pat Estepp. "For one, we didn't know how the freshmen would react to the new level of play. I didn't know if this team would be as capable of the play we had last year."

Fortunately for Estepp, this team answered all the uncertainty with stellar play and a fantastic season.

Freshmen Take the Lead

A delightful revelation for the Cedarville men was the emergence of all-star freshmen in Branden Maughmer, Kollin Van Horn, Quinton Green and Isaiah Speelman.

"I was pleasantly surprised at the play of our freshmen this year," Estepp said. "It's rare when you get freshmen that can play — It's even more rare when you get freshmen that help you win."

And help the team win they did. Maughmer, Van Horn, and Green all ranked in the top five scorers for Cedarville this season, averaging 14.1 points, 10.2 points, and 9.8 points, respectively.

Scoring, though, wasn't the only place these freshmen helped. Van Horn led the team in blocks, totaling 38 on the season. He also was one of the top rebounders on the team long with Green.

"We had some of the best freshmen in the conference," Estepp said. "If there was an all-conference freshman team, we would probably have four of the five."

Great Leadership Equates to Great Wins

The freshmen weren't the only vital

piece of the puzzle this year — the upperclassmen were just as important in this successful season.

"The chemistry cultivated by the upperclassmen this year was phenomenal," Estepp said. "It's hard when you have freshman coming in and taking minutes from you, but the upperclassmen really exhibited the idea of servant leadership and helped the team succeed."

Guys like Demond Parker, Robert Okoro, Colton Linkous and Gabe Portillo may not have made big splashes on the court, but their leadership was evident nonetheless, both physically and spiritually.

"Our upperclassmen really embraced and let them play, but they also competed to play themselves," Estepp said. "In the end, we came out unified and strong together for the season."

Joining these upperclassmen in leadership was senior Grant Zawadzki, whose leadership on the team was a huge reason for the team's success.

"Grant is a great leader, both on the court and spiritually," Estepp said. "His competitiveness and will to win carried over to our season and made us better overall."

Zawadzki was quick to give the credit to his teammates.

"Everyone just came in ready to play and stripped away their egos," he said. "We were able to gel as a team and become a unit."

Zawadzki was clearly a leader on the court, where he averaged 10.5 points and averaged a conference-best 6.3 assists per game. But, he was also clearly a leader in the locker room, always encouraging his teammates and looking to lift them up. His leadership, along with that of his fellow upperclassmen, was an important steppingstone toward the successful season.

What Comes Next?

Looking forward, the Cedarville Yellow Jackets will look to capitalize on their championship. When asked what was important going into this offseason, freshman Branden Maughmer had one word: humil-



Photo by Lydia Wolterman

Senior Grant Zawadzki helped the Yellow Jackets mesh en route to a national title.

ity.

"Teams know now that we are young and that we have the ability to win games," he said. "We need to stay humble and remember that basketball isn't all that we do — it's a brotherhood, and we play best when we remember that and stay humble."

Estepp is proud of this team and excited to see what the future holds.

"This was a season that had a lot more

ups than downs and I'm so proud of how the guys played," he said. "Now, we just need to enjoy this season and come into the offseason ready to get better and make next year more successful."

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Season-Ending Loss Doesn't Define Women's Season

by Tim Miller

The Cedarville Lady Jackets' basketball program is used to winning games at a high clip. In four of the past five seasons, the program has captured at least a share of the G-MAC championship title. Cedarville has won 20 games or more in four of the past five seasons as well, proving longevity and prestige.

Though the Lady Jackets just missed the NCAA Division II Tournament for a second straight season, the team still feels strides were made in pushing the program to an even better position.

They started the season 0-1, but the loss came at the hands of defending national champion Ashland. The Lady Jackets contended the entire game, only to lose a lead in the final minutes and forfeit the game away.

The team had lost a huge chunk of production from a season ago, but the ability to contend with a national powerhouse prompted the Lady Jackets to know they could be just as dangerous in the upcoming season. Though it was a disappointing loss to start the campaign, the game set the tone for the squad.

In total, Cedarville enjoyed a 23-7 season, winning 18 of 22 games in the conference, and won all 14 matchups at the Callan Athletic Center. Cedarville was anchored by a strong core of guards, led by senior Abby Wolford.

Wolford was the team's top scorer with 12.7 points per game. She was also second on the team in rebounding and third in field goal percentage. After missing each of the last two seasons due to injury, Wolford said she was proud to join the group for a final season.

"The season was definitely a success," Wolford said. "All you can ask for is to give it our all and I think we did that. We showed how much we wanted to win even though the season didn't end the way we wanted it to."

The season concluded with a deflating loss to Kentucky Wesleyan in the G-MAC Tournament semifinals. The Lady Jackets

found themselves down 14-0 and never were able to get back into the game for any significant amount of time.

After sharing the regular season conference title with two other teams, Cedarville felt it had the talent to win the tournament. The surprising defeat in the semifinal was a punch in the gut to the squad, but head coach Kari Hoffman said the team should focus on what it accomplished throughout the entirety of the season.

"This year was a huge success," Hoffman said. "I'm not sure many people thought we would do as well as we did with what we graduated. To be tied for first place in the regular season is a huge accomplishment."

Three other Lady Jackets averaged double figures in scoring over the season, two of which were seniors Baylee Bennett and Regina Hochstetler. Cedarville will clearly miss the contributions from the

guards, as each hold team shooting records for the program.

The senior class as a whole produced on and off the court. While both Wolford and Hoffman admitted the class was far from typical, they each recognized that even the seniors who didn't see much playing time were a huge part to the team's chemistry.

Wolford called her class "misfits," as both Wolford and Hochstetler took fifth years after ACL injuries, Bennett was a transfer, guard Kelly Poole was added off the JV team after her freshman season, and guard Ellie Juengel was the only player who actually was recruited as part of the 2019 class.

"I love this senior class," Hoffman said. "They have their own unique stories. There's just not enough words to say when talking about this senior class. I'm super thankful for them and the legacy they brought to us."

Hoffman expects to lean on production from guards Ashlyn Huffman (12.5 points per game), Emily Chapman (8.2 points per game) and forward Alli Roh (7.1 points per game, 5.6 rebounds per game) to continue the program's traditional success.

"We're looking for a lot of those kids who contributed for us this year," Hoffman said. "There's a lot of talent out there, so I think we'll be a little bit deeper."

Wolford looked back on her storied career and final season at Cedarville and said the team was special. While recognizing the blowout loss to end the season was frustrating, she said the season as a whole was well worth it.

"I think it's disappointing the way we lost," Wolford said. "But that doesn't define the rest of our season. Thinking about all the games we won and another G-MAC regular season championship, that's not something a lot of teams do. It's been a blast."

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Photo by Lydia Wolterman

Lady Jacket Baylee Bennett attempts a layup while the opposing team struggles to defend.

Hluch Makes Big Comeback in Record-Shattering Season

by Abigail Hintz

When Lane Hluch arrived at Cedarville his freshman year, the track and field program expected big things out of him, as he did for himself. He was coming off of an incredibly successful high school career in which he racked up accolades including hammer throw champion and All-American, despite dealing with a back injury. He gave his new coaches no reason to doubt his potential.

Just three meets into his freshman year, Hluch suffered a lower back herniation which forced him to miss the rest of his indoor season and redshirt his first outdoor season. He had to completely change how he trained, all with the knowledge that he would not be competing.

"It forced me to learn more about the sport and apply things to my training so I could make a bigger comeback," Hluch said.

When Hluch's sophomore season rolled around, the injury was still dictating his track performance. Both his indoor and outdoor seasons were successful, but he could not reach his full potential. Hluch ended 2017 on the G-MAC Indoor Second Team and the G-MAC Outdoor Second Team.

Head coach Jeff Bolender admitted

that he wondered where Hluch's career would go from there.

"Anytime you have a significant injury like a back, you're always wondering, 'Can they recover?'" he said.

Hluch's junior year was shaping up to be different. He seemed to finally be healthy, until mono took him down again. He still found success, but nothing like what Jackets fans would see out of him his senior year, when he finally found complete health.

This season, Hluch has broken the Cedarville hammer throw record three times, and holds the top three all-time Cedarville performances. His current weight throw record and the best weight throw in Cedarville history is 17.35 meters. The throw won the NCCAA Men's Indoor Track & Field Championship by more than a foot.

Hluch called breaking the records a "relief," after dealing with injuries for so long, all while knowing that those records were well within reach for him.

"There is no doubt that breaking those records was a major steppingstone. I could not do what I wanted to do without breaking those records," he said. "I was so pumped. It was a major accomplishment."

He is now known as the best hammer

throw athlete in Cedarville history. Bolender is convinced that if Hluch had never been injured, he could have been even better.

"It's kind of like telling a basketball player to play basketball, but don't jump," Bolender said. "He's still very effective and he's had a good career, but he's limited."

Hluch says dealing with injuries and sickness brought unbeknownst benefits.

"I really thought I was going to come in and wipe the board and do all this crazy stuff," said Hluch. "I think [God] truly humbled me and made me love the sport again and not make it just about the accolades but the inner desire to get better."

Despite the success he has had this season, Hluch isn't done yet.

"For the weight throw I still would like to hit the provisional mark," Hluch said. "Specifically, I'd really like to hit 18 meters. For the hammer, I would like to throw well enough to become a first-team All-American, which would require a 20-25 foot PR."

When Hluch graduates from the track and field program, he will leave behind an unprecedented legacy. But the athletics and the accolades are not what have defined his time as a student here at Cedarville. Rather, it has been the relationships that have

meant so much to Hluch. Cedarville's people and Christian atmosphere have been standout parts of his college experience and he will never forget them. But that's not all that has made an impact on his life.

"If I want to get specific, I do like Chuck's and I like how my meal is always prepared," he said jokingly.

Right now, Hluch is thankful to have been healthy for 15 months and counting, and that God is the ultimate healer. He loves track and the opportunities he's had to share the gospel because of it. As for his success, he's glad to have a part in growing the legacy of the school.

"I want Cedarville to be at the top of the podium in several years," he said. "Being a better athlete and encouraging others to do better is all a part of this building block; that in ten years from now I can look back and see that my record has been broken because I was able to start something."

"And not just me. It takes the whole team to make something great happen."

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Photo by Carrie Bergan

Lane Hluch, who some call the best hammer throw athlete in CU history, does a warmup throw before the competition.

Students Reap Benefits of Sports Classes

by Josh Stevens

Sports and activity classes offered at Cedarville are benefiting students on campus in a variety of ways. Activity classes ranging from tennis, backpacking and disc golf give students the chance to be physically active, learn about a sport or activity and gain new, fun experiences for college credit.

Mark Matthews, director of Campus Recreation and Facilities, has served on campus since 1982, and has enjoyed teaching many sports and activity classes over the years. He teaches racquetball, backpacking and rock climbing and will begin teaching disc golf this spring. Matthews said these classes can benefit all students for many different reasons.

"They introduce students to a wide variety of sports and lifetime recreational activities," he said.

Matthews highlighted multiple avenues

that allow students to benefit from these classes. The students learn more about a sport, and correctly teaching the sport is one of the main aspects of Matthews' job.

"I love teaching sports skills to students and seeing them learn how to play a sport at a higher level," he said. "It's the coach down inside of me."

Students also benefit by gaining additional skills in the sport or activity. Some play volleyball even though they may not have had the ability to play competitively in college. Others, however, learn to rock climb or backpack even when they have no experience doing so. These classes give students a way to learn and enjoy the activities they provide.

Students can also benefit through having fun with other students. Matthews described it as the "social aspect" of these classes. These classes give students opportunities to interact and compete with other students, and can allow them to make

friends along the way.

Of all the benefits these classes can have for the students at Cedarville, perhaps the most important is the community. Matthews believes that these classes can be used to influence the community at Cedarville in a positive way.

"They're open to all students, athletes and non-athletes alike," Matthews said.

Though students might think these classes are geared toward specific, sports-related majors, Matthews says the students and majors represented in the classes are more "random," meaning any student, whether they are an exercise science, communications or engineering major, can participate.

Matthews says the students benefit by adding more exercise into their schedule. Taking these classes can give students a routine to remain physically active, something they can continue even after they graduate. While the general education course, Physi-

cal Activity and the Christian Life (PACL), encourages students to be healthy and physically fit, Matthews says these sports classes can further that way of living for students.

"We are stewards of the bodies God has given to us," Matthews said. "And we are responsible to steward our bodies well."

Matthews also made it clear that these classes are ultimately used to follow the commands that God has given us about our bodies and about fellowship with other believers.

"We are not interested in fostering a culture of self-absorption and self-focus," he said, "but are rather interested in fostering a culture of godly stewardship, one which honors and glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ."

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Cedars Sports Staff and Fans Hand Out Awards

by the Cedars Sports Staff

The Cedars sports staff selected multiple players as the most significant contributors on Cedarville's men's and women's basketball teams. Seven awards were selected, and all rostered players were eligible to receive each award, pending they meet each award's more specific requirements.

The student body received an online poll as well to give input to the fans. The students' award winner is included in each section, with the percentage of votes received in parentheses, as well as the margin of victory included thereafter.

Any ties by the sports staff were broken by vote of the student body.

All-Cedarville First Team

Awarded to the most outstanding five players on either team thanks to their play from this season.

Player 1: Branden Maughmer (unanimous)
 Player 2: Conner TenHove (unanimous)
 Player 3: Abby Wolford (unanimous)
 Player 4: Baylee Bennett
 Player 5: Grant Zawadzki

Others receiving votes: Regina Hochstetler, Ashlyn Huffman, Kollin Van Horn

Most Valuable Player

Awarded to the most indispensable and irreplaceable Cedarville basketball player.

Winner: Grant Zawadzki
 Student's Choice: Conner TenHove (20 percent, one percent margin)

"He may not lead in stats, but Zawadzki is the heart and soul of the men's team, and he is their true leader. His leadership through good times and bad is what has propelled the team to where they are." - Tim Smith



Photos by Lydia Wolterman

Above: All-Cedarville First Team member and MVP Grant Zawadzki used up every bit of his senior season for success.

Below: Abby Wolford (3) exceled after missing two consecutive seasons.



Comeback Player of the Year

Awarded to the most outstanding player who missed significant playing time last season due to injury.

Finalists: Ellie Juengel, Abby Wolford.

Winner: Abby Wolford (unanimous)
 Student's Choice: Abby Wolford (73 percent)

"Wolford was my vote for most valuable player. After two season-ending injuries, Wolford leaped into the starting lineup this season and was the most multi-faceted and talented player on the court in just about every game." - Tim Miller

Bench Player of the Year

Awarded to the most productive contributor outside the starting five.

Finalists: Emily Chapman, Quinton Green, Stevie Johnting, Isaiah Speelman.

Winner: Quinton Green
 Student's Choice: Quinton Green (55 percent, 23 percent margin)

"Green exploded after redshirting and was a walking highlight reel. The athletic swingman brought energy and ripping down offensive boards." - Tim Miller

Freshman of the Year

Awarded to the campus' top first-year player.

Finalists: Emily Chapman, Quinton Green, Branden Maughmer, Alli Roh, Isaiah Speelman, Kollin Van Horn.

Winner: Branden Maughmer
 Student's Choice: Branden Maughmer (46 percent, 29 percent margin)

"Maughmer was electric on the guys' offense and earned a well-deserved starting spot during the season. He was the best rookie this year." - Tim Smith

Offensive Player of the Year

Offensive Player of the Year skills considered: Shooting, passing, finishing, ability to create space off the dribble.

Finalists: Baylee Bennett, Regina Hochstetler, Ashlyn Huffman, Branden Maughmer, Conner TenHove.

Winner: Baylee Bennett
 Student's Choice: Branden Maughmer (31 percent, four percent margin)

"Bennett can light it up on the offensive end, and she doesn't need much space to do it. She shot 45 percent from 3-point range. Incredible." - Josh Stevens

Defensive Player of the Year

Defensive Player of the Year skills considered: On-ball defense, off-ball defense, disruption in passing lanes, shot blocking, hustle plays.

Finalists: Kollin Van Horn, Abby Wolford, Grant Zawadzki.

Winner: Kollin Van Horn
 Student's Choice: Kollin Van Horn (34 percent, seven percent margin)

"Van Horn led team in blocks, and was very noticeable presence on defense in the low post. His performance on defense stands above the rest." - Abby Hintz

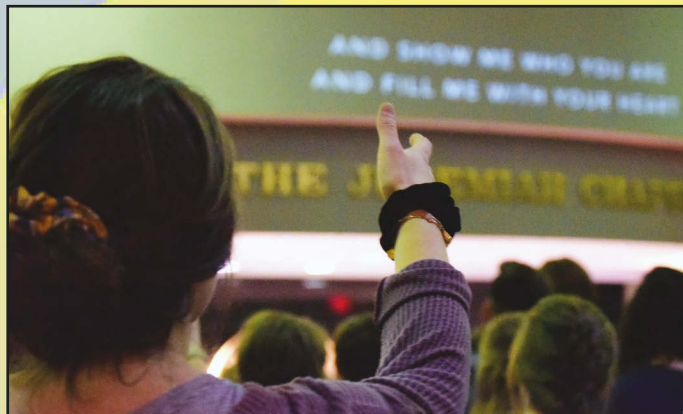
REKINDLE WORSHIP NIGHT

Photos by Jillian Strouse

Students gather together to worship with the Rekindle band during the Rekindle Encounter night of worship, Monday, February 25.



Isabelle Armstrong leads worship through singing.



The all-women's worship band leads students with their talents.



Guitarist Emerald Geiger worships with her bandmates and students.